MEETING DATE: Type of Agenda Item: Sierra County ⊠Regular □Timed February 15, 2022 **Board of Supervisors'** Consent **DEPARTMENT:** Board of Supervisors Agenda Transmittal & APPROVING PARTY: Heather Foster, Clerk of the Board **Record of Proceedings PHONE NUMBER:** 530-289-3295 AGENDA ITEM: Discussion/action regarding conducting meetings of the Sierra County Board of Supervisors in accordance with AB 361 and Sierra County Resolution 2021-140. **SUPPORTIVE DOCUMENTS ATTACHED:** Memo Resolution Agreement Other **BACKGROUND INFORMATION: FUNDING SOURCE: GENERAL FUND IMPACT:** No General Fund Impact **OTHER FUND:** AMOUNT: \$ N/A ARE ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL REQUIRED? IS THIS ITEM ALLOCATED IN THE BUDGET? ☐Yes ☒No Yes, -- --Is a budget transfer required? ☐Yes ☒No □No SPACE BELOW FOR CLERK'S USE **BOARD ACTION:** Resolution 2022-□Approved ☐ Set public hearing Agreement 2022-For: ☐ Approved as amended ☐ Direction to: \_\_\_\_\_ Ordinance \_\_\_\_\_ □Adopted Vote: ☐ Referred to: ☐ Adopted as amended Ayes: ☐ Continued to: \_\_\_\_\_ □ Denied Noes:  $\square$  Authorization given to: □ Other Abstain: ☐ No Action Taken Absent: ☐ By Consensus **COMMENTS:** 

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CLERK TO THE BOARD

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SIERRA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

## RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF SIERRA AS A RESULT OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY AND AUTHORIZING REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE BODIES OF SIERRA COUNTY PURSUANT TO BROWN ACT PROVISIONS

## **RESOLUTION NO. 2021-140**

WHEREAS, the County of Sierra is committed to preserving and nurturing public access and participation in meetings of the Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, the Brown Act, Government Code section 54953(e), makes provisions for remote teleconferencing participation in meetings by members of a legislative body, without compliance with the requirements of Government Code section 54953(b)(3), subject to the existence of certain conditions; and

WHEREAS, a required condition is that a state of emergency is declared by the Governor pursuant to Government Code section 8625, proclaiming the existence of conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the state caused by conditions as described in Government Code section 8558; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, the Governor proclaimed pursuant to his authority under the California Emergency Services Act, California Government Code section 8625, that a state of emergency exists with regard to a novel coronavirus (a disease now known as COVID-19); and

WHEREAS, on June 4, 2021, the Governor clarified that the "reopening" of California on June 15, 2021 did not include any change to the proclaimed state of emergency or the powers exercised thereunder; and

WHEREAS, as of the date of this Resolution, neither the Governor nor the Legislature have exercised their respective powers pursuant to California Government Code section 8629 to lift the state of emergency either by proclamation or by concurrent resolution in the state Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the continued local rates of transmission of the virus and variants causing COVID-19 are such that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees of public meetings;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNTY OF SIERRA HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. <u>Recitals</u>. The Recitals set forth above are true and correct and are incorporated into this Resolution by this reference.

Section 2. <u>Proclamation of Local Emergency</u>. The Board hereby proclaims that a local emergency now exists throughout the County, and social distancing orders are currently in place and needed to protect the health and safety of the citizens.

Section 3. <u>Remote Teleconference Meetings</u>. The staff and legislative bodies of Sierra County are hereby authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to carry out the intent and purpose of this Resolution including, conducting open and public meetings in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e) and other applicable provisions of the Brown Act.

Section 4. Effective Date of Resolution. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and shall be effective until the earlier of thirty (30) days from adoption of the Resolution or such time the Board of Supervisors adopts a subsequent Resolution in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e)(3) to extend the time during which the legislative bodies of the County of Sierra may continue to teleconference without compliance with paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of section 54953.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 5<sup>th</sup> day of October 2021, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sierra by the following vote:

AYES: Supervisors Huebner, Roen, LeBlanc, Dryden, and Adams

NOES: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: None

Lee Adams, Chair, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Heather Foster, Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

David Prentice, County Counsel